

What a Joke: Greenfield Gets Office Makeover on April 1

Greenfield District employees discovered a redecorated office when they arrived to work on April Fools' Day.

After the workday March 31, an employee hung about 10 framed posters designed to look like motivational posters typically found in offices. The posters, called "Demotivators," feature a funny but pessimistic spin on wall art.



This fake motivational poster decorated a wall in the Greenfield District office on April Fools' Day.

One such poster showed a grizzly bear waiting with open mouth for a leaping salmon, with the words, "AMBITION: The journey of a thousand miles sometimes ends very, very badly."

Employees had mixed reactions when they noticed the posters. Some were amused, and others were confused by the odd inspirational messages.

"By the end of the workday, the posters were a cause for discussion," said Greenfield District Deputy Commissioner Brandye Hendrickson.

The next day, sticky notes were attached to the posters that read, "April Fools."

"This joke was well-intentioned and all in good fun," said Hendrickson. "A key aspect to engaging today's talent is encouraging fun at work and allowing an occasional reprieve from day-to-day stresses of the job. The posters were a nice reminder to not take things too seriously all of the time. And, we all got a healthy laugh!"

Another poster from the Greenfield District April Fools' Day prank made light of potential.

